



HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES-AFGHANISTAN
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

USFOR-A-SJA

31 JAN 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Action Memo - Army Regulation (AR) 15-6 Command Investigation into the Deaths of HT2 Justin J. McNeley and CS2 Jerod P. Newlove

1. I have reviewed the JAGMAN investigation into the circumstances of the deaths of HT2 Justin J. McNeley and CS2 Jerod P. Newlove who went missing in Logar Province, Afghanistan on or about 23 July 2010.

2. I approve the findings.

3. I take the following action with regard to the recommendations:

a. (b)(3), (b)(6) was relieved for cause and was issued a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand in his Official Military Personnel File. I am forwarding this investigation containing additional adverse findings concerning (b)(3), (b)(6) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), for consideration of further administrative or disciplinary action, as appropriate.

b. The recommendation that the Navy: 1) re-validate the billets that it is filling at CTC-A to ensure that personnel are performing the functions for which they are being trained; and 2) send only those personnel who are properly experienced, trained, and qualified to fill validated billets in this war zone I forward to the NAVCENT Commander, for whatever action, if any, he deems appropriate.

c. The recommendations concerning holding (b)(3), (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(3), (b)(6) accountable under the UCMJ are modified as follows: That the appropriate authorities determine whether (b)(3), (b)(6) and/or (b)(3), (b)(6) should face punitive or administrative action for their acts and/or omissions that surfaced during the course of this investigation. As modified, I forward the recommendation to the Commander, NAVCENT for whatever action, if any, he deems appropriate.

d. The recommendation "That Navy place only experienced, fully trained officers and enlisted personnel in leadership positions within CTC-A, e.g. post department head/post XO-level officers, post large department LCPO's in the senior enlisted positions" is modified by deleting the word "Navy" and inserting therefor the words "Commander, CTC-A." I approve the recommendation as modified and forward it to the Commander, CTC-A for action.

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e. The recommendation "That CTC-A properly and fully train all Navy personnel for the duties they are expected to perform or avoid assigning them such duties" is modified by deleting the word "Navy." As modified I approve the recommendation and forward it to the Commander, CTC-A for action.

f. I approve the recommendation "That CTC-A continue to focus on good order and discipline and strict adherence to the NTM-A/CSTC-A Movement Control Policy" and forward it to the Commander, CTC-A for action.

g. I forward to the Commander, NTM-A/CSTC-A the recommendation "That NTM-A/CSTC-A fully man CTC-A to eliminate the need to use untrained, inexperienced personnel to fill open or gapped billets" for whatever action, if any, he deems appropriate.

h. I approve the recommendation "That CTAG-A monitor operations at CTC-A to ensure adherence to standard military protocol, good order and discipline, and take appropriate action in the event deficiencies are noted" and forward it to CTAG-A for action.

4. I would like to express my deepest sorrow over the deaths of HT2 McNeley and CS2 Newlove. The loss of Justin and Jerod leaves an absence in our ranks that cannot be filled. That absence rests in the hearts and minds of the men and women who served with them. May their family and friends find comfort knowing that they served with honor and were well-respected by their superiors and subordinates alike. They were friends serving together, and the manner in which they answered their nation's call to duty serves as a shining example of honor and selfless service. Jerod and Justin will never be forgotten.



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